commend fixation of pay of Central i Government employees in revised I scales On point *o point basis. The second Pay Commission, however, did recommend fixation of pa$_v$ on a roint to point basis subject to certain limiting conditions.

The Government have accep'ed the recommendations of the fourth Central Pay {Commission contained in Chapter 30 of it$_s$ Report regarding fixation of pa$_v$ i$_n$ revised sca!e$_s$ of pay subject to the modification thai the minimum benefit calculated at ;20 per cent °f ^{tne} basic pay has toeen raised from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 75/-.

Based on the recommendations of the Pay Commission the Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 198C also provide for stepping up of pay of Government servants on fulfilment of prescribed conditions.

Copies of the Report of the fourth Central Pay Commission, the Resolution and the Notification issued in thi$_s$ regard have already been placed on the Table of the House separately.

Revision of MODVAT scheme

2158. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI. Will the Minister of FINANCE b$_c$ pleased to state:

(a) whether the MODVAT scheme ha$_s$ recently bee$_n$ revised and production of branded item$_s$ produced in small or ancillary industries are not getting the benefit of MODVAT; and

(b) if so, what are th$_e$ reasons for such a step and whether Government are aware of the reduction in ancillary work awarded to the small industries as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA). (a) There has been no such change i$_n$ the MOD-VAT scheme. MODVAT credit fa available t$_0$ the small and ancillary industries. However, the excise duty exemption scheme$_s$ in respect of certain excisable goods were amended with effect from 1.10.1987 ro a.$_s$ to deny duty concessions in respect of such goods manufactured in the smsll and ancillary industries under the t^and name of a person who >s not otherwise eligible for duty concession under th$_e$ small scale exemption schemes. As a consequence of this the user industry purchasing such ficeds would get MODVAT credit only of the duty actually paid.

(b) The above modifications were done in order to reduce the chanr Of large manufacturers or trado, deriving unintended benefit by getting their goods manufactured by units in the small scale sector. No significant reduction of ancillary work consequent to the amendment of Email scale exemption schemes has been reported so far.

Central assistance for installation of tubewells in Rajasthan

2759. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRO-D1A; Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have provided fund$_s$ to Rajasthan Government for the exploitation of underground water potential through ths Snstallation of a number of tube-wells; and

(b) if so, what is the quantum of funds provided for this purpose to the Government of Rajastnan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Under a Centrally Sponsored Schem$_e$ assistance i$_s$ provided to State$_s$ for Minor Irrigation Work$_s$ which include installa tion of tubewells. Central assistance released to Rajasthan during 1987-88 (upto December 1987) under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of A